

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.

PCT/JP2004/014591

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

Int.Cl⁷ A61K31/375, 31/19, 7/48, 7/00, A61P17/16, 43/00, A23L1/302, A23K1/16

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

REGISTRY (STN), CAPLUS (STN)

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
Y	WO 2003/028744 A1 (Kabushiki Kaisha Hayashibara Seibutsu Kagaku Kenkyujo), 10 April, 2003 (10.04.03), Full text; particularly, Claims; experimental examples 1 to 6; examples 1 to 8 & JP 2003-171290 A & EP 1438964 A1 & KR 2004048371 A	1-15
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Y	JP 10-147514 A (Pola Chemical Industries Inc.), 02 June, 1998 (02.06.98), Par. Nos. [0003] to [0005] (Family: none)	1-15
Y	JP 10-120561 A (Yugen Kaisha Dokutazu Kosumeteikusu), 12 May, 1998 (12.05.98), Full text; particularly, Claims; examples (Family: none)	1-15
Y	JP 09-124472 A (Noevir Co., Ltd.), 13 May, 1997 (13.05.97), Full text; particularly, Claims; example 4 (Family: none)	1-15
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Y	JP 2002-284666 A (Nippon Hypox Laboratories Inc.), 03 October, 2002 (03.10.02), Full text; particularly, Claims (Family: none)	7,10
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Box No. II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This international search report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
2. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to parts of the international application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful international search can be carried out, specifically:
3. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box No. III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

The special technical feature of claims 1 to 15 relates to a collagen production enhancer containing L-ascorbic acid and/or its analog and fatty acids as the active ingredients, while the special technical feature of claim 16 relates to a method of separating fatty acids from fresh royal jelly.

The only one matter common to them is "fatty acids" which are well known materials and, therefore, cannot be considered as a special technical feature.

Such being the case, it does not appear that there is a technical relationship between the inventions of claims 1 to 15 and the invention of claim 16 involving one or more of the same or corresponding special technical features. Thus, these groups of inventions (continued to extra sheet)

1. ☒ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers all searchable claims.
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are not considered as being so linked as to form a single general inventive concept.

Thus, claims 1 to 16 do not comply with the requirement of unity of invention.

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